

## Shiloh News March 2024 · Volume 15 Issue 3



I am deeply concerned about some things in our church. One of those things is marriage. If our church is a sample of all married couples, at least 40% of the marriages are in trouble. When we entered into the

lifetime commitment of marriage we all thought, "All we need is love." As life continues and we progress through different chapters, most of us realize the marriage chapter is the *longest* chapter of life. It's supposed to be that way. The bulk of this article is a repeat of what I wrote a few months ago, the reason I am repeating it is because I believe it is very important.

The wedding celebration is great, but marriage is a year-round, 24/7, always

in season, never out of style kind of commitment. When couples come to me and ask if I will perform their wedding ceremony, I take it very seriously. I am not a wedding planner, but I do want to help plan their

marriage. I tell couples we will need to spend some time together getting them ready to be married. I'm not an expert in most areas of counseling, but I do have over 32 years of experience as one half of a happily married couple.

According to the American Psychological Association, approximately 40-50% of first marriages end in divorce. The divorce rate for second marriages is even higher, with approximately 60-67% of second marriages ending in divorce. These statistics show the need for preparing for marriage, but marriage is the biggest commitment we make in life and has the least amount of preparation. This is why I completed the training to become a SYMBIS and SYMBIS+ facilitator. SYMBIS is an acronym for *Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts*. SYMBIS is a program designed to help married couples succeed by exploring who they are as individuals forming a couple. Couples who complete a premarital counseling/education program are 31% less



A Moment With Mark

likely to get divorced and experience a 30% increase in marital success and fulfillment.

SYMBIS+ is designed for married couples to assess their

relationship with the guidance of a facilitator. SYMBIS and SYMBIS+ use the same dynamic online assessment which asks questions based on answers already given. Then the couple meets with the facilitator and explores the assessment report together. The process creates helpful discussion and sheds light on their personalities as well as their relationship.

God's design for marriage is that we will be lifelong couples (Matthew 19:6). It has been said by many that all married couples

need counseling, and I believe that is true in most cases. It's time to stop hoping things will be OK, and put a little work into our relationships. Why wouldn't we want to put some effort into our relationship with the person we are spending the rest of our life with, our spouse



and best friend?

I hope you already know my door is always

open and I am just a phone call away for anything you want to talk about. I also want to do everything I can to help you walk through this thing we call life. If you are interested in doing a SYMBIS assessment or would like more information, please let me know. If there are several who are interested, we may do a marriage retreat and review our assessments together.

#### Faithfully, Pastor Mark

"What God has joined together, let no man separate." – Jesus



As we continue in the "God Is In Control" theme for the year, we also are in the season of Lent. In the Sundays leading to Holy Week we will look to the

Psalms for reflection and preparation.

March 3	"The Lord is Near the Brok Psalm 34	en Hearted" Pastor Mark
March 10	"Restore Us Oh God" Psalm 80	Pastor Mark
March 17	" <b>Restore to Me the Joy</b> " Psalm 51	Pastor Mark
March 24	PALM SUNDAY	Pastor Nick
March 31	EASTER SUNDAY Hebrews 10	Pastor Mark

If you miss a sermon, remember they are recorded on CD, or on Facebook at Shiloh Streaming Service, where you can watch live on Sunday morning or replay any time. You can view newsletters, weekly bulletins and more at gotoshiloh.org.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH: Articles for the April *Shiloh News* need to be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. **Tuesday, March 19**. Please submit your news articles to Kathy Courtad at <u>klcourtad@gmail.com</u> or take to the church office.



### Nursery Duty

Please look for your name on the list. If you are scheduled to work on a Sunday when you won't be at church, please check with others on the list and trade dates. If you would like to volunteer for Nursery duty, please see Paul Hutsell in the church office.

March 3 – Ed & Patty Waters March 10 – Jeff & Angela Brooke March 17 – Levi & Krista Pullen March 24 – SPRING BREAK VOLUNTEERS March 31 – EASTER SUNDAY – PARENT VOLUNTEERS

## Children's Church Schedule

Date	ELEM Teacher	ELEM Helper	PRE K Teacher	PRE K Helper					
3/3	Kathy K	Becky P	Vickie B	Gratia H					
Q2 Lesson 13 – God's Children Shine									
3/10	Sherry V Becky P		Alicia P	Jerry R					
Q3 Lesson 1– Jesus Instructs His Followers									
3/17	Stacy F Teresa R Vickie B		Julie S						
Q3Lesson 2 – The Church Is Born									
3/24 – PALM SUNDAY – NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH									
3/31 – EASTER – NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH									



**Every** Sunday

9:00 to 9:30

JOIN US IN FELLOWSHIP HALL EACH SUNDAY FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS. THERE ARE LOTS OF UNTOLD STORIES IN EACH CUP OF COFFEE! SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 9:30



## **Recap of the Late Nighter!**

Wow! The Student Ministries had a fantastic *Late Nighter* on February 18<sup>th</sup>! Two other youth groups joined in on the action. We had 70+ teenagers show up for a fun & worship filled night! A big shout out to the adult volunteers who served. Although, the success of this event would not have been possible without the student leaders who helped lead & plan the *Late Nighter*. I am extremely proud of Kaity, Alaina, Cole, Micah, and Blake. I cannot wait to share more with you all! This was an encouraging and refreshing evening! For now, enjoy a few pictures from the event. – Pastor Nick



KNOW GOD, FIND FREEDOM, DISCOVER PURPOSE

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Middle School Ministry Dates | March 10<sup>th</sup>, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> | 5:30-7PM
- High School Ministry Dates | March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> | 6:30-8PM
- Fusion @ Indiana Wesleyan University | April 5th & 6th | Event for HSM only

FACEBOOK GROUP: SHILOH STUDENT MINISTRIES | INSTAGRAM: @shilohccstudentministriesWANT MORE INFORMATION... GO TO https://linktr.ee/shilohccstudentministries

RAISE RIGHT gift cards are an ongoing fundraiser for SSM! The order sheet & catalog of available gift cards can be found at the Inspiration Station. <u>DISCLAIMER: The order sheet must have a minimum total of \$600 before an order is made.</u>



Easter doesn't happen in March very often, but it is this year! Holy Week happens to also be Spring break week for many.

**Palm Sunday is March 24<sup>th</sup>**. Plan to attend Sunday school and worship at the regular times, as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry with a palm parade. (No Children's Church on Palm Sunday.)

**Maundy Thursday is March 28<sup>th</sup>.** Come for a special time of self-guided prayer anytime between 5-7 p.m. (See additional article in right-hand column.)

**Good Friday service at Shiloh will be March 29**<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Our Savior was crucified. Why do we call it "good?"

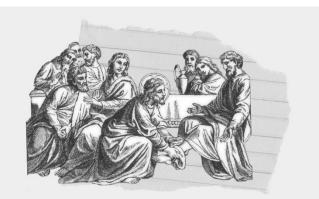
**Sunrise Service Sunday morning March 31** at 8 a.m. Celebrate! He Is Risen!!

**Easter Breakfast** follows the sunrise Service about 9 a.m. Enjoy breakfast and fellowship.

**Worship** Easter morning at our regular Sunday service at 10:30 a.m.



## Shiloh's Maundy Thursday Service



 $\cdot$  Maundy Thursday Service | 5-7pm on March 28th  $\cdot$ 

Commemorating key moments of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ. Join us for a self-guided time of reflection and prayer. Come anytime between 5-7pm to participate.



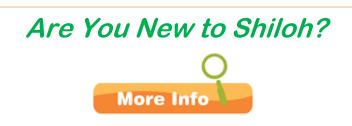
Maundy Thursday (also called Holy Thursday), is an important date in the Christian calendar. Maundy Thursday reflects on Jesus' final moments that lead up to His crucifixion and death (observed on Good Friday). Holy Thursday reflects on the key moments of the Last Supper and Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane. This day is held in reverence as we reflect on the humility, selflessness, and love demonstrated by Jesus Christ.

We invite you and your family to join us for our selfguided Maundy Thursday Prayer Station service. Each station will lead you in a different activity/scene as you reflect and pray. You are welcome to come anytime between 5-7 p.m. on March 28<sup>th</sup>. There are no limits to the amount of time spent at each station. You are also encouraged to go through the stations as many times as you desire. Due to the format of this service, it will not be live streamed. If you desire to participate in this activity and are unable to attend this service, please contact Pastor Nick. He will send you an activity resource of what you can do at home as you reflect and pray on Maundy Thursday.

# **rightnow** MEDIA.

If you haven't downloaded the Rightnow Media App on your device, use this link to create your user ID and password and get started viewing Biblical teachers, great music, and cool videos just for kids. Shiloh is subscribed and we can give it to as many of our friends as we want, so share it with a friend.

https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/scclogansport



If you are new to Shiloh, considering becoming a member, or would just like an update on what's going on, we have a special time planned just for you.

Pastor Mark is going to lead a "class" about Shiloh during the Sunday school time (9:30 a.m.) beginning March 3<sup>rd</sup>. this will be a chance to get to know some more people at Shiloh as well as learn more about how we do things and what we believe. We might even share the secret handshake. If that sounds interesting to you, let Pastor Mark know.



Debt got you down? Worried about having enough to retire? Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University teaches you how to change so your situation with money will change.

Money is the topic of many arguments in many households. Financial Peace University helps money conversations happen without fighting. One of the best by-products of FPU is the peace that comes to marriages when a couple goes through it together. Financial Peace University is coming again soon to Shiloh. Let Pastor Mark know if you are interested in this 9 week course.

just 4 me

Saturday, March 9 7:30 a.m.

The second Saturday of the month is a lot of guys' favorite Saturday breakfast because that's when Just 4 Men happens. We meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30 a.m. for a hearty breakfast and fun conversations around the tables. Our serious discussion time happens after breakfast. We are currently looking at Daniel in a Rightnow Media series called Thriving in Babylon. I hope you can join us for the March Just 4 Men at 7:30 on the 9<sup>th</sup>.



Come join Women's Fellowship on Wed., March 13, and be a part of the "construction crew" as we have fun putting toiletry bags together for our OCC project. There will be a simple task for everyone! We plan to make 20 bags in less than an hour!

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# "Rest"...a Letter from Lucy

We spoke to our granddaughter, Eliza Rose, on a video call last night. She has been sick for the past week. She hasn't slept well (and neither have her parents), and has a nasty cough and a runny nose. She is finally feeling better. Joanna was sharing about the nights with little sleep.



Eliza would sleep 20 about minutes. then wake herself up with a coughing fit...then cry for her mommy and daddy. Joanna barely slept the first couple of nights. She would go to Eliza, pat her back,

comfort her, and Eliza would go back to sleep, only to awaken again in 20 minutes or so. Then Joanna would do it again. Eventually Joanna began lying down with Eliza, wrapping her in her arms so she could rest. Then when Eliza awoke,

she would feel Joanna's arms around her, and go right back to sleep.

I couldn't help but compare that to our heavenly Father's love for us. We are sick and in need of a loving Savior to come to our rescue. When we cry out to Him, He wraps His arms around us, and makes us feel secure and safe. And each time we awaken to another problem, sickness, temptation, or hardship, He comes. He comes to free us from the hurt. He comes to



give us strength. He comes to heal us. He comes to give us peace, reassuring us that He is in control. And like Eliza found out, when we awaken to the next hard thing in our lives, we find that God has been there all along, protecting us, and guarding us from evil.

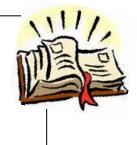
How about you? Are you sleeping through the night? Are you struggling with something that is keeping you awake at night? For me personally, it's worry over my family. I wake up in the night, wondering about a kidney for Bo, worried about my daughter's ability to hold it all together for her family. I think about Aaron signing up for more time in the National Guard, and possibly being deployed somewhere in the chaos of our world. I worry about Mark having another ministroke. I think about my mom and dad, and all the health issues they are going through. And then I take a deep breath--- and I pray. And then I go back to sleep.

If you, like me, are dealing with the struggles of this world, try this. Picture the Holy Spirit there with you. Let Him wrap His arms around you. Give the worries to God, and let Him handle them. Take a deep breath, breathing in His

> name, then breathing out the worries that keep you awake in the middle of the night. Say a prayer, reminding yourself of just how great our God is. Give it ALL to him. And sleep, leaning on the everlasting arms of our Savior. He will meet you there.

> "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy

and my burden is light." -- Matthew 11:28





The reading in March finishes the final chapters of Chronicles. Watch for the connections from Chronicles to Ezra and Nehemiah. In the books of Ezra and Nehemiah we see the temple and Jerusalem being rebuilt and God's people returning to their land. How does this ancient rebuild relate to your life and faith? At the end of the month, we begin reading Esther. How does this Jew become queen of Persia?

**Daily Bible** 

**Reading for** 

March 2024

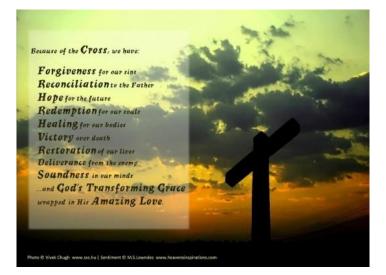
March 1	2 Chronicles 33
March 2	2 Chronicles 34
March 3	2 Chronicles 35:1-19
March 4	2 Chronicles 35:20-27
March 5	2 Chronicles 36
March 6	Ezra 1
March 7	Ezra 2
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March 15	Ezra 10
March 16	Nehemiah 1
March 17	Nehemiah 2
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March 20	Nehemiah 5
March 21	Nehemiah 6
March 22	Nehemiah 7
March 23	Nehemiah 8
March 24	Nehemiah 9
March 25	Nehemiah 10
March 26	Nehemiah 11:1-12:26
March 27	Nehemiah 12:27-47
March 28	Nehemiah 13
March 29	Esther 1
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Mike Closson Patty Waters Mickey & Rena Wright Audrey Chambers Gary Shaffer **Cassidy Felker** Connie Murphy Aaron & Christy Carlson Mindy Roller Frank Gaumer Nalu Shewalter Ellie Miller **Rick Brosge** Ernie Bridge Emma McKinley **Drew Farrer** Joanna Adakai Wendy Davis John & Nancy Rhodes Paul Ross Connie Cosgray **Emily Miller** Ed Quillen

If your birthday or anniversary does not appear on our birthday/anniversary list (and it's in March), please contact Paul at the church office.



#### Shiloh Christian Church

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2024

Sunday Mornings: Coffee & Donuts – 9 a.m. Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Worship – 10:30 a.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Feb. 25	<b>Feb. 26</b> Noon – Prayer	Feb. 27	<b>Feb. 28</b> 6 am – Men's Bible study	<b>Feb. 29</b> Pastor Nick's OFF	1	2 Weekday Religious Ed Breakfast Men's Lenten Breakfast	
5:30-7pm-MS Ministry		7 pm - Bible Study			Pastor Mark's OFF	At All Saints	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Congregational Meeting - IAS	Noon – Prayer		6 am – Men's Bible study		Pastor Mark's OFF	7:30 am	
6:30-8 pm-HS Ministry	Red Cross Blood Drive 1-6 pm	7 pm – Bible Study		Pastor Nick's OFF 7 pm – Ladies' Choir			
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Raise Right orders due 5:30-7pm-MS Ministry	Noon – Prayer	7 pm – Bible Study	6 am – Men's Bible study 6 pm-Women's Fellowship	Pastor Nick's OFF	Pastor Mark's OFF	Men's Lenten Breakfast United in Faith (Galveston)	
<b>17</b> Raise Right pickup	18	19	20	21	22	23	
9 am – Ladies' Choir	Noon - Prayer	7 pm - Bible Study	6 am – Men's Bible study	Pastor Nick's OFF	Pastor Mark's OFF	Men's Lenten Breakfast At Walton Christian	
6:30-8 pm-HS Ministry	7 pm-Board meeting	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE		7 pm – Ladies' Choir			
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Easter Sunday:	Noon - Prayer	7 pm – Bible Study	6 am – Men's Bible study	Pastor Nick's OFF		Men's Lenten Breakfast	
Easter Sunrise Service – 8 am Easter Breakfast – 9 am Church Service – 10:30 am	7 pm- Elders & Deacons			Maundy Thursday Service – 5-7 pm	Pastor Mark's OFF Good Friday Service – 7 pm	At Calvary Presbyterian	